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SUBJECT: 32ND UNGA: ROK MEMBERSHIP IN THE UN;
ROK DRAFT CONTINGENCY RESOLUTION

REF: A. USUN 2488; B. STATE 18440; C. SEOUL 6481

1. SUMMARY: AMB LEONARD RECEIVED ROK PERMANENT OBSERVER MOON FOR CORDIAL 50-MINUTE CONVERSATION AUGUST 5. MOON, IN DISCUSSING ROK DESIRE CIRCULATE MEMORANDUM TO UN MEMBERS OUTLINING ROK POSITION ON UN MEMBERSHIP, APPEARED MOST RECEPTIVE TO LEONARD'S SUGGESTION THAT BEST TIME FOR CIRCULATION COULD BE AFTER COMMITTEE I HAS CONCLUDED ORGANIZATIONAL MEETINGS. MOON INVITED OUR COMMENTS ON DRAFT MEMORANDUM ON UN MEMBERSHIP AND ON BRIEF DRAFT CONTINGENCY RESOLUTION. END SUMMARY.

2. MOON CAME QUICKLY TO THE POINT STATING ROK DESIRE TO CIRCULATE TO UN MEMBERS A MEMORANDUM OUTLINING ROK POSITION ON UN MEMBERSHIP. AS BASIC RATIONALE FOR THIS DESIRE, MOON SAID ROK WANTED TO QUASH ALLEGATIONS MADE AT THE TIME OF THE 1975 REACTIVATIONS OF ROK'S MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION THAT ROK WAS NOT FUNDAMENTALLY INTERESTED IN GAINING ADMISSION BUT WAS ASKING FOR CONSIDERATION OF ITS APPLICATION ONLY AT US BEHEST IN ORDER TO JUSTIFY US VETOES OF VIETNAM'S
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APPLICATION. LEONARD SYMPATIZED WITH ROK'S POSITION.

3. LEONARD ASKED MOON'S VIEWS ABOUT TIMING OF MEMORANDUM'S CIRCULATION. MOON INITIALLY INDICATED A PREFERENCE FOR A TIME JUST AFTER VIETNAM'S FORMAL ADMISSION TO UN ON SEPTEMBER 20. HE SAID THAT SEOUL WAS CONSIDERING A SOMEWHAT EARLIER DATE. LEONARD THEN SUGGESTED THAT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN

TO CIRCULATING MEMORANDUM TOWARD END OF SEPTEMBER AFTER COMMITTEE I HAS CONCLUDED ITS ORGANIZATIONAL MEETINGS. LEONARD SAID THIS COULD LIMIT POSSIBILITY OF HARMFUL NORTH KOREAN REACTION IN UNGA CONTEXT. LEONARD ADDED POSSIBILITY THAT DURING UNGA GENERAL DEBATE STARTING SEPTEMBER 26 FRIENDLY STATES IN COMMENTING ON VIETNAM'S ADMISSION MIGHT UNDERLINE UNIVERSALITY THEME AND UNFAIRNESS OF ROK'S CONTINUED EXCLUSION. MOON REACTED MOST FAVORABLY TO BOTH POSSIBILITIES.

4. MANNER IN WHICH MEMORANDUM MIGHT BE CIRCULATED WAS DISCUSSED. MOON SAID ROK CONSIDERING CIRCULATION IN NEW YORK OF TEXT HE SUPPLIED LEONARD (SAME AS IN REF C) AND ANOTHER LONGER TEXT IN CAPITALS. MOON SUGGESTED THAT MEMORANDUM MIGHT BE CIRCULATED IN NEW YORK UNDER A NOTE VERBAL FROM THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL. THE POSSIBILITIES WERE ALSO NOTED THAT IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO GAIN CIRCULATION AS AN UNGA DOCUMENT UNDER "ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS" AGENDA ITEM OR AS UNSC DOCUMENT, IF UNSC STILL SEIZED WITH ROK APPLICATION. LEONARD AND MOON LEFT THIS AS POINT FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION.

5. WHEN MOON INVITED OUR LATER COMMENTS ON TEXT OF DRAFT MEMORANDUM, LEONARD REPLIED THAT FOREIGN MINISTRY HAD PROVIDED EMBASSY SEOUL WITH DRAFT AND EMBASSY IN TURN HAD SENT TEXT TO DEPARTMENT AND USUN. LEONARD COMMENTED THAT THE DRAFT SEEMED AN EXCELLENT PIECE OF CONFIDENTIAL

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WORK. THIS DELIGHTED MOON AND COUNSELOR S.Y. LEE WHO ACCOMPANIED MOON. MOON SAID THAT DRAFT WAS MAINLY THE WORK OF HIS OFFICE.

6. MOON RAISED DANGER THAT PRO-NORTH KOREAN RESOLUTION MAY YET BE TABLED. HE AGREED WITH LEONARD THAT AUGUST 21 DEADLINE FOR INSCRIPTION OF "SUPPLEMENTARY" AGENDA WAS BY NO MEANS A CUTOFF AND THAT "ADDITIONAL" ITEMS COULD BE INSCRIBED AT ANY TIME UNTIL END OF UNGA. MOON THEN PRODUCED DRAFT TEXT FOR BRIEF CONTINGENCY RESOLUTION TO HAVE ON HAND SHOULD PRO-NORTH KOREAN RESOLUTION BE TABLED. MOON NOTED THAT IT MAKES NO SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO UN COMMAND. IN SUBSTANCE, IT PARALLELS TO CONSIDERABLE DEGREE 1976 FRIENDLY DRAFT. MOON INVITED OUR COMMENTS AFTER TIME TO STUDY TEXT. (INITIAL USUN REACTION IS FAVORABLE.) TEXT IN FINAL PARA BELOW.

7. MOON SAID THAT DURING RECENT MONTHS, HE HAD CALLED ON OVER 60 UN PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES AND HE WAS ENCOURAGED THAT THERE IS GROWING UNDERSTANDING OF THE ROK POSITION.

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8. WHEN LEONARD SUGGESTED CONTACT WITH ONE OR TWO CLOSE ALLIES SUCH AS UK AND JAPAN TO SOUND THEIR VIEWS ABOUT MEMBERSHIP MEMORANDUM, MOON SAID IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR HIM TO BE SELECTIVE AMONG CORE GROUP MEMBERS. HE REACTED FAVORABLY WHEN LEONARD SUGGESTED THAT USUN MIGHT USEFULLY BE ABLE TO TAKE SOUNDINGS WITH ONE OR TWO KEY ALLIES.

9. MOON DID NOT RAISE ANNOUNCEMENT OF NORTH KOREAN SEA-DEFENSE ZONE, BUT HE OFFERED JUDGMENT THAT PYONGYANG PRONOUNCEMENTS TAKING ON GREATER STRIDENCY IN RECENT WEEKS.

10. TEXT OF ROK DRAFT FOR CONTINGENCY RESOLUTION FOLLOWS:
QUOTE DRAFT RESOLUTION

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

REAFFIRMING THAT A UNIFIED, INDEPENDENT AND DEMOCRATIC KOREA SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED BY PEACEFUL MEANS ON THE BASIS OF THE FREELY EXPRESSED WILL OF THE KOREAN PEOPLE,

CONVINCED THAT THE UNIFICATION OF KOREA CAN BEST BE ACHIEVED THROUGH DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE SOUTH AND THE NORTH OF KOREA AS ENVISAGED IN THEIR JOINT COMMUNIQUE OF 4 JULY
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1972,

CONSIDERING THAT THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT OF 27 JULY 1953 HAS FOR 24 YEARS BEEN AN ESSENTIAL FACTOR IN THE MAINTENANCE OF PEACE AND STABILITY IN THE AREA,

BELIEVING THAT THERE IS AN URGENT NEED TO HOLD A CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED ON THE MAINTENANCE OF PEACE ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA IN ORDER TO WORK OUT A DURABLE PEACE-KEEPING MACHINERY WHICH WOULD INSURE A LASTING PEACE IN THE AREA.

1. DECLARES THAT ALL THE EFFORTS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TOWARD THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CONDITIONS WHICH WILL LEAD TO NATIONAL RECONCILIATION AND A LASTING PEACE IN KOREA TO ACHIEVE ITS EVENTUAL REUNIFICATION;

2. CALLS UPON THE SOUTH AND THE NORTH OF KOREAS TO RESUME PROMPTLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY THEIR SUSPENDED DIALOGUE IN ORDER TO SETTLE THEIR OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS BY NEGOTIATION;

3. URGES THE SOUTH AND THE NORTH OF KOREA AND OTHER PARTIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED TO ENTER INTO EARLY NEGOTIATIONS TO WORK OUT NEW ARRANGEMENTS REPLACING OR ADAPTING THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT WITH THE AIM OF ESTABLISHING A LASTING PEACE ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA.

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